



June 18, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Oral discussion with FCC Commissioner Michael Copps
Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 17, 2002, a number of Montanans participated in an interactive video meeting with Commissioner Michael Copps and his legal advisor, Jordan Goldstein. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss and demonstrate the state-of-art services rural telecommunications carriers are providing in Montana. Six Montana towns were connected by video conference: Eureka, Helena, Scobey, Great Falls, Missoula and Havre.

To the best of our understanding, the oral comments regarding FCC policies and issues made by any party participating in the June 17th meeting reflected data or arguments already provided in written comments previously filed with the Commission and therefore do not require an ex parte notification. Nevertheless, in the spirit of openness, by this letter we are advising the FCC that a Web streamed transcript of the meeting may be viewed at http://real.montanavision.net/ramgen/vision/FCC_June_17_02.rm.

Sincerely,

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